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Bombings Drop in N.Y. And Seattle

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 (AP) —While terrorist bombs explode in the United States on the average of once every two hours, the number of bombings in New York and Seattle, two hard-hit cities in the last decade, has eased so far this year, a business research group reported today.

The group said bombings in New York City increased 288 per cent between the first five years of the 1960s and the second half of the decade, from 113 to 438, at a time when the general crime rate jumped 63 per cent.

But the study showed bomb threats decreased by 600 between the first six months of 1970 and the corresponding period this year.

During the same six months interval, the number of explosions in Seattle, the city with the highest bomb incidence last year, decreased from 48 to three, the study said.

The report said the number of bombings in the United States is about 5,200 a year, but the number of threats is somewhere between 50,000 and 75,000.

The report said a majority of bomb threats, 73 per cent, are directed against business establishments, while 14 per cent are against schools and 13 against residential buildings.

About 65 per cent of persons responsible for bombings are undirected, the report said, and militant groups are most often identified as responsible in other cases.

Most bombings are the result of anger and frustration over social issues, including race relations and the Indochina war, the study said.

The report is based on information from various law enforcement agencies, corporate security officers and personnel administrators, and from data in the 1970 transcripts of the Senate subcommittee on investigations' hearings on riots, civil and criminal disorders, and the House Committee on the Judiciary's on explosives control, the board said.